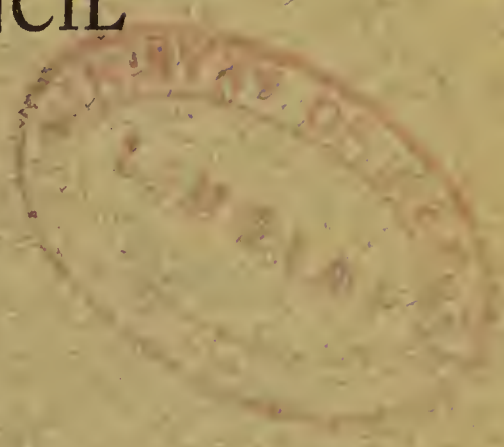


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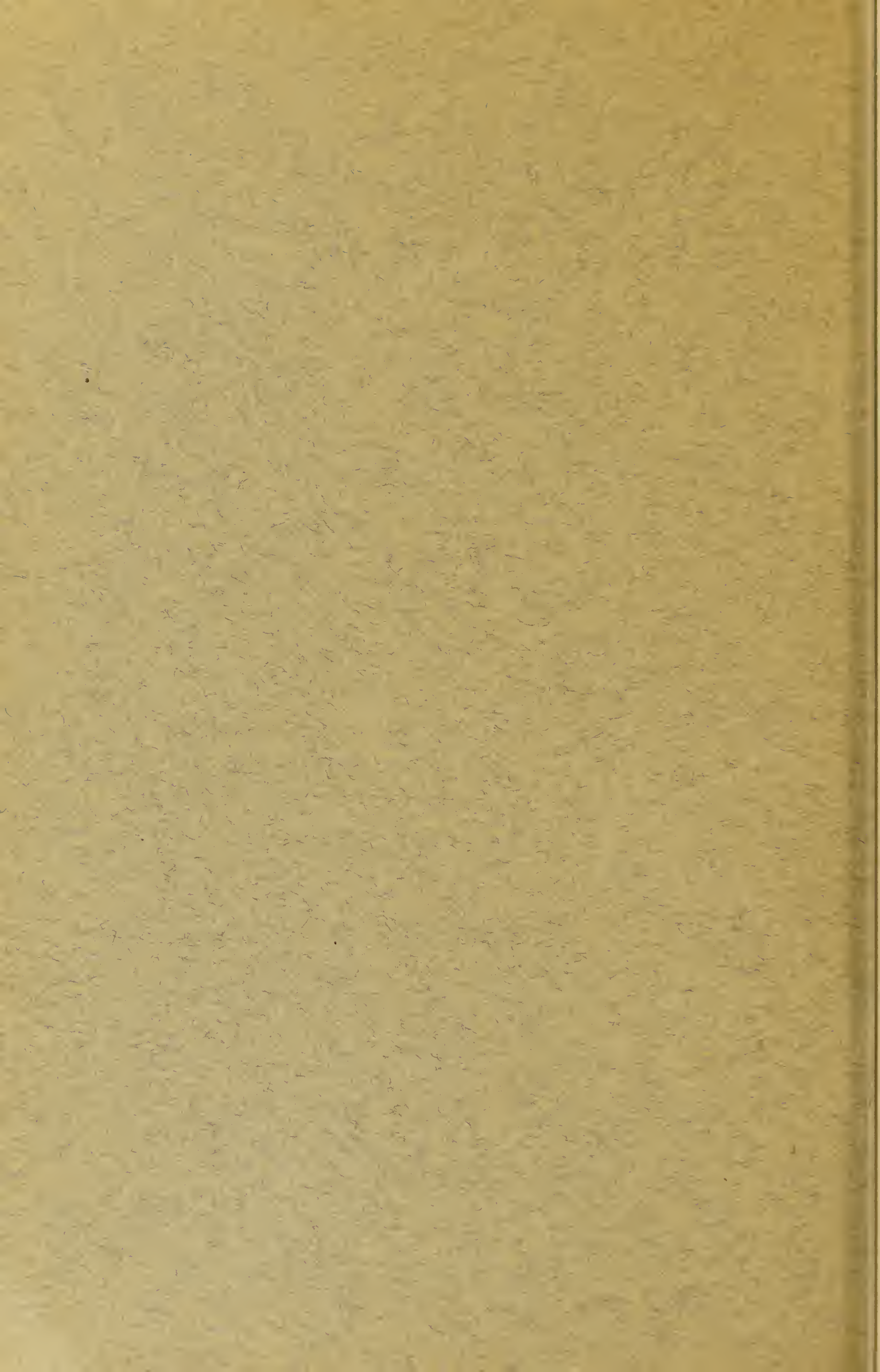
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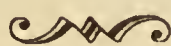
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# Amblecote Urban District Council.

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## Annual Report

OF THE

## Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1937.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1937. All previous Reports have been presented by the late Dr. H. D'Arcy Ellis who had been the Medical Officer since the formation of Amblecote as an Urban District. Unfortunately he died before he had completed the details. I am, therefore, able to give particulars only of which the information appears to be available.

The Vital Statistics compare favourably with previous years. The crude Death Rate is 14.3 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 17.3 for 1936 and the Live Birth Rate 11.6 per 1000 of the population as compared with 12 for 1936. The Infantile Mortality, i.e. Mortality in children under one year per 1,000 registered live births—is 29. There were no Still-births.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases have been normal. There does not appear to have been any unusual sickness.

Housing and Overcrowding (Housing Act, 1936) are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

There have been no changes in the Industrial Circumstances of your District. The principal industries are : Flint Glass Making and Decorating, Fire Clay Brick and Retort Making, Iron and Steel Works, Iron Foundries, Holloware Works and Leather Works. There does not appear to have been any Occupational Disease attributable to them. Employment has been reasonably good although the level of 1936 has not been maintained.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

- One Medical Officer (part time).  
 One Sanitary Inspector (Cert. R.S.I.)—Whole time with Joint Appointment as Surveyor and Rating Officer.  
 One Health Visitor (part time)—under the Staffordshire County Council.

## ADOPTIVE ACTS.

- Public Health Act, Amendment Act, 1890 (ii, iii, iv.).  
 Public Health Act, Amendment Act, 1907.  
 Public Health Act, 1925.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres	-	-	-	665
Number of Persons per Acre	-	-	-	4.4
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, middle of 1937)	-	-	-	2933
Number of inhabited house (1937)	-	-	-	844
Average number of persons per house	-	-	-	3.47
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£18,563
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	-	-	£75

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the population.

				Birth Rate per 1000
Live Births	{	Legitimate 32 Illegitimate 2	}	Total 34 - 11.6

Still-Births Nil

Birth Rate, England & Wales (1937) - . - 14.9

The number of Males and Females born is not available.

Details of 27 Births show : Males, 18 ; Females, 9.

Deaths (all causes) - - - Total : 42

Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the population - 14.3

Adjusted Death Rate per 1000 of the population - 13.9

Death Rate 1937, England & Wales per 1000 of the population - - - 12.4

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes Nil.

No Still-births were registered.

Death Rate 125 Large Towns in England per 1000 of population - - - 12.5

Death Rate 148 Smaller Towns (25000 to 50000 population) per 1000 of the population - - 11.9

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - 1

Mortality in Children under one year of age :

Rate per 1000 Registered Live Births - 29

Rate per 1000 (England & Wales) - 62

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 5

Rate per 1000 of the population - - 1.7

Deaths from Measles (all ages) - - Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) - - Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) - - Nil.

Total Deaths Registered : 42. Details are available for 38 as under :

Ages at which deaths occurred (38).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
1	1	Nil.	Nil.	2	10	24

6 of these deaths occurred at ages from 65 to 70 years,  
12 from 70 to 80 years, and 6 over 80 years.

### COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS.

	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	5 years Aver.
Birth Rate	9.2	11.7	15.2	12.0	11.6	11.94
Death Rate	11.6	7.5	14.4	17.3	14.3	13.02
Infantile Mortality	107	Nil	65	55	29	51
Zymotic Mortality	Nil	0.1	0.3	Nil	Nil	0.08
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis of						
Respiratory System	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.34	0.61
Other Tuberculosis						
Diseases					0.68	
Cancer	0.9	0.9	2.3	3.0	1.7	1.76
Bronchitis					0.34	
Pneumonia					0.34	
Other Respiratory Diseases					0.68	



## CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1936	1937
Small Pox - - -	-	-
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers - - -	-	-
Measles - - -	-	-
Scarlet Fever - - -	-	-
Whooping Cough - - -	-	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-
Influenza - - -	3	4
Encephalitis Lethargica - - -	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever - - -	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System - - -	4	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases - - -	-	2
Syphilis - - -	-	-
General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis - - -	-	-
Cancer, Malignant Disease - - -	9	5
Diabetes - - -	1	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc. - - -	6	4
Heart Disease - - -	16	7
Aneurysm - - -	-	-
Other Circulatory Diseases - - -	-	2
Bronchitis - - -	1	1
Pneumonia (all forms) - - -	1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases - - -	-	2
Peptic Ulcer - - -	-	1
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) - - -	-	-
Appendicitis - - -	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver - - -	-	-
Other Diseases of Liver - - -	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases - - -	-	-
Nephritis - - -	-	3
Puerperal Sepsis - - -	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes - - -	-	-
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc. - - -	2	-
Senility - - -	-	2
Suicide - - -	-	2
Other Deaths from Violence - - -	-	-
Other defined Diseases - - -	2	2
Causes ill-defined or unknown - - -	4	-
TOTALS - - -	49	42

# Birth-Rate, Death-Rate, Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1937.

	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.		ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.									RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet fever.	Whooping cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Mortality under 1 year.
—													
England and Wales ...	14.9	0.6	12.4	—	Nil	0.02	—	0.04	0.07	0.45	—	—	58
125 Large Towns in England ...	14.9	0.67	12.5	0.01	Nil	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.08	—	—	7.9	62
148 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25000 to 50000 ...	15.3	0.64	11.9	Nil	Nil	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05	—	—	3.2	55
Amblecote ...	11.6	Nil	14.3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.36	0.7	Nil	29

Maternal Mortality, Nil.



## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

I. (i) Public Health Officers : Details already given.

(ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist, and in the case of Food to the County Analyst.

Bacteriological Examinations :

Number of Specimens sent for Report - 18

	Total.	Positive.	Negative.
Tuberculosis (Sputum)	9	1	8
Diphtheria (Swabs)	9	1	8

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) Infectious cases	}	None provided by the Council.
(b) Non-infectious cases and accidents		

Ambulance for Infectious cases is supplied from the Brierley Hill Isolation Hospital at Kingswinford. For other cases there is no difficulty in getting an Ambulance from adjoining Districts.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

(1) General :—Provided by the Brierley Hill Nursing Association and subsidised by the County Council.

(2) Infectious Diseases :—Nurse would be provided if necessary.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS.

(1) One School Clinic conducted by County Medical Inspector.

(2) One Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic provided by the County Council. A weekly clinic is held at the Methodist Schools, High Street.

(3) One Venereal Disease Clinic held at the Corbett Hospital two evenings each week.

(e) **HOSPITALS.**

- (1) PUBLIC. For Isolation of Infectious Diseases, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, etc.—at Kingswinford—agreement with Brierley Hill Urban District Council.
- (2) FOR SMALLPOX. South Staffordshire Joint Smallpox Hospital at Moxley.

**VOLUNTARY.**

- (1) THE CORBETT HOSPITAL, situate in Amblecote, serves large adjoining areas : 95 beds. Men, 34 ; Women, 30 ; Children, 24 ; Isolation, 1 ; Private, 6.

*Treatment.*—Medical, Surgical, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Dental, Venereal, Massage, X-ray, Orthopædic and Mental.

- (2) THE GUEST HOSPITAL, DUDLEY (4 miles). 106 beds. Men, 50 ; Women, 30 ; Children, 26.

*Treatment.*—Medical, Surgical, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Dental, Orthopædic, X-ray, Massage and Venereal.

STOURBRIDGE DISPENSARY. Out-Patients are treated on Subscribers Tickets.

There are also available the hospitals at Birmingham and Wolverhampton. Being within reasonable distance a good many special cases go to one or the other.

**MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.**

None within the area. There are however three excellent homes within reasonable distance :—at Stourbridge, Mary Stevens Home, 2 miles ; Sandfield House, Wordsley, 2 miles ; and Rosemary Ednam Home, Dudley, 5 miles. Urgent cases requiring operation are admitted to the Corbett Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS. Institution treatment is provided by the Stafford and Wolverhampton Tuberculosis Committee.

3. (i) **MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.**

There is one resident Midwife practising in the District—subsidised by the County Council.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND  
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

There is no specified Institutional provision.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

The Staff and provision for Treatment have been already referred to.

4. REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

No applications for Registration have been received.

Maternal Mortality—Nil.

## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. The Stourbridge and District Water Board gives a continuous supply of good quality and quantity.

- (ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As the area has had deep drainage and water carriage system prior to the period under review there has been no necessity for important extension. The whole of the sewage is delivered on to the natural land outside the area, under the direction and control of a Joint Authority.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. The River Stour runs through part of the District. Cases of Pollution are dealt with by the County Councils of Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.  
(ii) Public Cleansing.  
(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.  
(iv) Smoke Abatement.  
(v) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

*The particulars will be found in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.*

- (vi) Swimming Baths and Pools :—Nil—neither Public nor Private.

4. SCHOOLS. Two Junior Schools—non provided. Both have Water Closets and Town Water.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. The arrangements are adequate.



## SECTION D.

### HOUSING.

#### HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1937.

(1) *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year :—*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	-	-	60
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose				140
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	-	-	-	32
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose				65
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	-	-	3
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	-	-	-	10

2. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	-	-	5
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A)—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	3
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—		
(a)	By Owners	- - -	3
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners		Nil.

## (B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS:—

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-	-	-	-	34
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(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:—					
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(a)	By Owners	-	-	-	-	34
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(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners					Nil.
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## (C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:—

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	-	-	-	12
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(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	-	-	-	Nil.
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## (D).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	-	-	-	Nil.
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(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	-	-	-	-	Nil.
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4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding:—*

(a)	(1)	Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year	-	-	-	-	9
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	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	-	-	-	-	9
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	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	-	-	-	-	69
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(b)	Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year	-	-	-	-	Nil.
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(c)	(1)	Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year	-	-	-	-	2
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|-----|--|------|
| (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases  | 15   |
| (d) | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | Nil. |

## HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

*(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).*

### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply ;
  - (b) Meat and other foods
- (See Report of Sanitary Inspector).*
- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.
  - (e) Nutrition : No action has been taken.
  - (f) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.



# SECTION F.

# PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1937.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES.												Cases sent to Hos- pital.	Deaths
		under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and over		
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scarlet Fever ...	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Diphtheria ...	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pneumonia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Erysipelas ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Totals ...	9	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	1	4	Nil.	

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. No action has been necessary under Section 66, Public Health Act, 1925 or under Section 176, Public Health Act, 1936.

(b) **TUBERCULOSIS, 1937.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.		
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	*2
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 to 10 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10 to 15 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15 to 20 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 to 25 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25 to 35 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35 to 45 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	
45 to 55 „	1	-	-	-	-	-	
55 to 65 „	-	-	-	-	1	-	
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	1	-	-	-	1	-	2

\* 2 Deaths, Non-Respiratory—ages not known, unable to trace.

Notification is efficient.

No new cases were discovered which had not been notified.

No action necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in respect of persons employed in the Milk Trade, nor under Section 62, Public Health Act, 1925, nor under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936.

Including Tuberculosis, 10 cases have been notified as compared with 16 for the year 1936—as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	-	5	—	Removed to Hospital	3
Diphtheria	-	2	—	Removed to Hospital	1
Erysipelas	-	2			
Tuberculosis	-	1			
Total	-	10		Total	- 4

13 Notifications of persons residing outside Amblecote were received from the Corbett Hospital.

No cases of Encephalitis Lethargica or Pneumonia were notified nor any case of Malaria or Dysentery reported.

The Education Authorities are notified of cases of Infectious Diseases occurring at the Schools.

No intimation has been given of Anthrax, Epidemic Jaundice, Rheumatic Fever, Undulant Fever or Psittacosis.

Bacteriological and Pathological specimens are sent to the County Laboratory at Stafford.

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Scholars against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic.

Sufficient Isolation Hospital accommodation is available and is used to the best advantage. Measles and Whooping Cough are isolated at home. The Dick Test has been applied in Scarlet Fever cases.

Rooms occupied by patients suffering from Infectious Disease, etc., isolated at home, are disinfected after convalescence.

In the event of a serious epidemic of Measles it may be necessary to engage a qualified Nurse. Cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia are treated at the Wolverhampton Royal Women's Hospital by arrangement with the County Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Smallpox Prevention). No application for primary or re-vaccination applied for.

VERMINOUS PERSONS. No special facilities provided. No case has been reported.

RATS AND MOSQUITOES. The County Council employ a Rat Catcher and his services can be obtained on payment of a fee. Occupiers of rat-infested premises are advised to engage him.

No complaint of Mosquitoes. There is little stagnant water in which they may breed.



# FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

## 1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories, including Factory Laundries	10	1	--
Workshops, including Workshop Laundries	12	2	--
Workplaces, other than Outworkers premises			
Total	22	3	—

## 2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts*</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Want of Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Want of drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Other nuisances	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Accommodation :				
Insufficient	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	-	-	-	-
Other offences (excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule of the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921)	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	-

\*Including those specified in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

I think it can be reasonably claimed that the Health of the District during 1937 has been good.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.



# Amblecote Urban District Council.

## Annual Report

OF THE

## Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1937.

MR. CHAIRMAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report for the Year 1937 as follows :—

### Inspections and Notices.

Inspections and observations made	-	-	832
Sanitary defects dealt with	-	-	147

Houses unfit for human habitation, 3 ; houses unfit for human habitation but capable of being made fit, 10 ; foul conditions, 17 ; structural defects, 17 ; overcrowding, 2 ; ashpits and privies and receptacles for domestic ashes and refuse, 52 ; water closets, 15 ; house drainage, 21 ; smoke nuisances, 4 ; dairies, cowsheds and milkshops, 1 ; slaughter houses, 1 ; caravans, 4.

Informal Notices served	-	-	60
Informal Notices complied with	-	-	40
Statutory Notices served	-	-	24
Statutory Notices complied with	-	-	12

### Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	826	} 847
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	16	



Houses provided with separate Water Closets	673	}	847
Houses provided with Water Closets in common	153		
Houses provided with separate Privies	12		
Houses provided with Privies in Common	4		
Houses provided with Pan Closets	- 5		

Four houses having Water Closets in common have been provided with a separate convenience for each house.

### Scavenging and Removal of Household Refuse.

Houses provided with separate Ashpits	- 9	}	847
Houses provided with Ashpits in common	- 10		
Houses provided with Sanitary Dust Bins	- 807		
Houses provided with Privies and Pans	- 21		

The few Ashpits that remain are those used in connection with Privies where it is not possible to provide sewer accommodation.

Refuse removal has been carried out under yearly contract. The work has been well performed. A covered Motor Lorry is used for the collection of household refuse. Disposal is effected on a tip removed from the residential quarter. It is kept in good condition and is coated with soil at regular intervals. 872 Lorry Loads of refuse were collected. The weight of same was 1,104 tons, 8 cwts.

### Smoke Abatement.

An extension of a Factory with a new type of furnace caused considerable trouble and annoyance to residents of houses near to by the emission of smoke and noxious fumes. The measures taken to prevent them appear to have been successful.

Three nuisances from smoke and fumes arising from burning refuse in the open air have been satisfactorily dealt with.

### Housing.

Number of Dwelling Houses of all classes	-	847
Number of Working-class Dwelling Houses	-	743
Number of Working-class houses erected :—		
By Private Enterprise	-	1
By Local Authority	-	Nil.
Number of Houses (of all classes) in course of erection	-	24

## Housing Conditions and Overcrowding.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom	-	-	1	} 847
Houses with two Bedrooms	-	-	328	
Houses with three Bedrooms	-	-	437	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms			81	

Demolition Orders (Section 11, Housing Act, 1936) have been made in respect of Nos. 1 and 2, back of 61, High Street; Nos. 1, 2, 3, back of 51, High Street; Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, White Court; Nos. 1, 2, 3, Wollaston Mills Cottages.

Offers from the Owners have been accepted in respect of Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Stamford Road and Nos. 146, 147, High Street, "that they will not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for that purpose."

The following houses reported as "Unfit" in certain respects have been re-conditioned, viz :—Nos. 17, 18, High Street; 6, 69, 70, 71, 72, 78, King William Street. Three Statutory Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, were served and complied with.

There were eleven dwellings overcrowded in 1936 affecting twelve families and eighty-four persons. Two dwellings have ceased to be overcrowded. Nine dwellings are still overcrowded affecting nine families and sixty-nine persons.

The twenty-four houses which are being provided by the Council, and which are under construction will be utilised for re-housing the families living in the "Condemned Houses" and in overcrowded conditions. The new houses will have the following accommodation :—12 with two bedrooms. 6 with three bedrooms and 6 with four bedrooms.

Overcrowding should therefore disappear in 1938.

The average number of persons of all ages per house is low being only 3.54.

### Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Three Council Houses were found to be infested. Two houses were infested from one source, viz :—second-hand bedding. In the other the cause appeared to be an "accident of occupation." Each house was fumigated twice. Sulphur used first did not rid the houses. A speciality preparation used afterwards appears to have been successful as no bugs have been seen since. Before tenants remove to Council Houses enquiries are made as to their freedom from vermin.

The cases referred to are the only ones that have occurred among your tenants.

I think that the majority of houses in your District are free from the pests.

Disinfestation was carried out by your own staff.

The habits of the tenants are such as not to require supervision or education to prevent infestation.

### Water Supply.

All premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District.

### Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

The following suppliers are registered :—Producer Retailers, 3 ; Retail Purveyors, 2 ; Retailers of Bottled Milk only, 9 ; Retail Purveyors not resident in Amblecote, 17.

Under the Special Designations Order Retailers' Licences have been issued as follows :—To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk, 1 ; and to sell Accredited Milk, 2. The Principal Licences in each case have been issued by other Authorities.

A small portion only of the Milk consumed is produced in your District. Surrounding areas supply the bulk. Samples for all purposes are taken by the County Council.

### Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

There is one "Registered" Slaughter-house only. It is well lighted and ventilated, has a good floor, an ample supply of water and proper drainage. The fasting pens are well removed from the place of slaughter. Offals and waste are removed immediately after slaughter.

Notices of slaughter were given in respect of the following animals, viz :—Beasts, 147 ; Calves, 7 ; Sheep and Lambs, 802 ; Swine, 197. Carcases inspected were :—Beasts, 116 ; Calves, Nil ; Sheep and Lambs, 662 ; Swine, 142.

Percentage inspected : 80.



There were 19 surrenders of unsound meat, comprising 1 Ox Head, 25 Ox Livers, 17 Sheep Livers.

Prime quality animals are purchased for Slaughter and the meat prepared for sale is the best obtainable.

One Notice only—in respect of one pig—was given to slaughter for sale on private premises.

### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

The Act is enforceable in respect of Sheep. A “Captive Bolt” pistol is used and operates efficiently.

### Precautions against Infectious Disease.

Houses (or rooms) disinfected	-	-	5
Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—			
Diphtheria	-	-	1 }
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3 }
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I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

May 31st, 1938.

Sanitary Inspector.









